

contaminated process residues, sludges, and particulates to satisfy RCRA requirements.

29. *Trace metal removal*—Techniques are needed to meet wastewater discharge permit requirements (e.g. 0.001mg/L cadmium, 0.003 mg/L lead, and 0.004 mg/L silver) while minimizing secondary waste generation.

30. *Supercritical CO₂*—Techniques are needed to minimize pretreatment to adequately prepare the wastes for supercritical CO₂ extraction so that the organics can be removed, and the wastes can be fed and removed from the supercritical environment while maintaining radionuclide containment.

The MWFA desires a list of interested parties who have technology available to address one or more of the technology deficiency areas. This includes technology that may need to be demonstrated in a radioactive environment on DOE mixed waste to verify its applicability. The MWFA also desires a list of parties interested in participating in cooperative research and development leading to demonstration of technologies. A document with more detailed descriptions of the deficiencies can be obtained by accessing the Mixed Waste Focus Area home page on the internet at "<http://wastenot.inel.gov/mwfa>," or by calling the Mixed Waste Focus Area, 208-526-7575. From the MWFA home page, simply push the button for "News and Events." Interested parties are asked to submit a contact name and address plus a brief description of existing technology or of capabilities for conducting research and development (R&D) to Jihad Aljayoushi, U.S. Department of Energy, 850 Energy Drive, MS 1118, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-1563. Written expressions of interest should not include detailed proposals or proprietary data, but should include the name, address, telephone number, and facsimile (fax) number of the primary contact person. Submittals should be as brief as practical (e.g., should not exceed five pages). To assist in the "Organizational Conflicts of Interest" determinations, all submittals are required to disclose business affiliations, partners for proposed teaming arrangements, sister organizations, etc. To assist in the SBA determinations all submittals are required to disclose business size and type. Written expressions of interest should be received on or before February 20, 1996. This announcement is for expressions of interest only, and is not associated with any specific funding opportunity, solicitation, procurement, assistance award, etc.

Procurement Request Number: Not Applicable.

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R. Jeffrey Hoyles,

Director, Procurement Services Division.

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Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of release of Committee's final report.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the release of the Final Report of the Advisory Committee on External Regulation of Department of Energy Nuclear Safety entitled Improving the Regulation of Safety at DOE Nuclear Facilities, which was submitted to the Secretary of Energy, and to the White House Office of Management and Budget and the Council on Environmental Quality on January 19, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the Report are available from the following sources:

- Calling (toll free) 1-800-736-3282 through January 31, 1996
- Environment, Safety, and Health Information Center, EH-72, CXXI-20030, USDOE, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown MD 20874-1290 (1-800-473-4375) after February 1, 1996.
- The Internet World Wide Web at: <http://www.em.doe.gov/acd/index.html>
- The National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161 (prices and information available from 703-487-4650)
- DOE and DOE contractors from the Office of Scientific and Technical Information, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge TN 37831 (prices and information available from 615-576-8401).
- All Department of Energy Freedom of Information Act Reading Rooms.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee's Final Report presents a number of recommendations to strengthen both the regulation and the assurance of safety at DOE nuclear facilities. Three recommendations are fundamental: (1) Essentially all aspects of safety at DOE's nuclear facilities and sites should be externally regulated; (2) existing agencies rather than a new one should be responsible for external regulation; and (3) under any regulatory scheme, DOE must maintain a strong

internal safety management system. Along with recommendations for external regulation, the Report contains a summary of the current state of the DOE complex and its missions, recommendations on issues that must be addressed for any successful regulatory scheme, and recommended actions to achieve an effective internal system and a well-managed transition. Additional information is available in the Appendices and References volumes of the Final Report.

The Committee's charter was to provide advice, information, and recommendations on whether and how new and existing Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear facilities and operations, except those operations covered under Executive Order 12344 (Naval Propulsion Program), should be externally regulated to ensure safety. The Department currently self-regulates many aspects of nuclear safety, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. The Committee consisted of 24 members drawn from a cross section of public, Federal, State, Tribal, industrial, and academic sectors, representing a diversity of expertise. The Committee was co-chaired by John F. Ahearne, Lecturer in Public Policy, Duke University and Executive Director of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society, and Gerard F. Scannell, President of the National Safety Council.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 19, 1996.

Thomas H. Isaacs,

Executive Director.

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Record of Decision for Issuance of Presidential Permit; Bangor Hydro-Electric Company

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Record of decision: Presidential Permit PP-89, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company; construction of an international electrical interconnection.

SUMMARY: Bangor Hydro applied to the DOE for a Presidential permit to construct a new electric transmission facility at the U.S. border with Canada. That action was determined to be "a major federal action, significantly affecting the quality of the human environment" within the meaning of NEPA. An EIS was issued on August 18, 1995, that considered the environmental impacts associated with granting or denying the Presidential permit. This